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Company defends record of part-privatised service

DEATHS ON PROBATION SHOW RISE

by Charles Thomson

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THE NUMBER of people who died whilst under the supervision of probation has almost doubled since the service was partially privatised, according to figures released by the Ministry of Justice.

Figures released to the BBC Shared Data Unit show that in 2015/16 – the first year after the privatisation – 12 people died whilst under the supervision of probation officers.

By the following year, the figure had shot up to 23. Then, in 2017/18, another 23 people died.

The sharp rise amounted to a 92 per cent increase – almost three times higher than the country on average, which saw deaths under probation supervision rise by 33 per cent.

This made Essex the sixth worst performing probation body in the UK for client deaths.

In 2015/16, none of the deaths were suicides. But in 2016/17, eight people suffered “self-inflicted” deaths.



FIGURES: In 2015/16, 12 people died under the supervision of probation officers, a year later it was 23 and again in 2017/18

Another seven took their own lives in 2017/18. Seventeen of the 58 deaths were from natural causes. Six were homicides.

Critics said increasing deaths and suicides amongst the probation population were one of several problems which had arisen since the service was partially privatised.

The National Audit Office has reported that the number of people returning to prison for breaching their licence “skyrocketed”, while Dame Glenys Stacey, the Chief Inspector of Probation, called the new system “irredeemably flawed”.

All 58 deaths happened on the watch of the Essex Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC), created in 2015 when the service was partially privatised.

The CRC is run by Sodexo and looks after low and medium risk offenders. Sodexo disputed some of the MOJ’s figures and added that probation was often just one of several services looking after individuals.

A spokesman said: “The role of the probation service is to

implement the sentence of the court, help people to turn away from crime and protect the public.

“In terms of the outcomes for the people we work with, the availability of housing or drug treatment services can be as important, if not more so, than the work of our teams.”

Sodexo added that in 2015/16, 40,000 people who had left prison after sentences of 12 months or less – who were “amongst the most challenging and chaotic offenders” – were added to probation’s remit nationally. It claimed this could help to explain the sharp rise in deaths in 2016/17.

Emma Osborne, regional CEO of CRCs in the south, said: “Many of those we work with lead complex and chaotic lives and probation services cannot solve these problems alone. Our teams work closely with other statutory agencies to secure specialist support to tackle housing, health or substance misuse needs.

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Domestic abuse helpline to offer support for victims

by Michael Cox

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A HELPLINE has been launched to help victims of domestic abuse in Southend and across Essex.

Compass has been funded by Essex County Council in partnership with the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex to support victims of domestic abuse across the county.

It will offer information, advice and guidance, as well as assessment and access to specialist services where appropriate.

A county council spokesman said the aim of the helpline is to "increase accessibility to ensure victims of domestic abuse get the right support



DELIGHTED: Cllr Dick Madden

at the right time".

It will also help people to access specialist support including community-based services and specialist accommodation to help them recover and move on from domestic abuse.

The Compass service is being delivered by charity Southend on Sea Domestic Abuse Projects and will be available 24 hours a day.

Andy Prophet, assistant chief constable at Essex Police and vice chairman of the Southend, Essex and Thurrock Domestic Abuse Board, said: "The new Compass contact number will help victims of domestic abuse speak to the specialists in their area to get the support they need."

Community services and specialist accommodation will be delivered

by the Southend charity, as well as Changing Pathways and Next Chapter.

These services represent local hubs including specialist accommodation such as refuges, advisors and outreach work.

Cllr Dick Madden, cabinet member for children and families on the county council, said: "We are delighted to be offering one point of contact for people to call where they can access good quality information, advice and guidance and where necessary access the right support in a timely way to prevent or minimise the devastating impacts domestic abuse can have on people's lives."

The telephone number for Compass is 0330 333 7 444 and to find out more, visit www.essexcompass.org.uk.

NEWS IN BRIEF

• FIREFIGHTERS put out a fire in a flat above a shop in Westcliff last week.

Three fire crews attended the incident in Winsford Gardens at around 8.45am on Wednesday and reported the flat was full of smoke on arrival.

Firefighters wearing breathing apparatus entered the flat to check if anyone was inside. They confirmed no one was there and extinguished the flames.

An investigation will be carried out to find the cause of the fire.

• SOUTHEND In Sight, a charity which supports people with visual impairments, has a new chairman.

Russell Cable, who is visually impaired, first got involved with the Southend Blind Welfare Organisation (SBWO) in 2015.

He replaces David Hurst, who has stepped down from the role after four years.

Under Mr Hurst's watch, it was decided the community arm of SBWO should become Southend in Sight.

Russell said: "I am delighted to take on my new role as chairman of the trustees and would like to add my own thanks to David for his dedication and hard work."

• SOUTHEND Council has published the list of candidates for the upcoming local elections.

The council released the statement of nominations ahead of Thursday, May 2 when people will be heading to the polling booths to cast their votes.

One candidate will be elected onto the council from each of the borough's 17 wards.

For a full list of candidates, visit www.southend.gov.uk and go to the elections and voting page.



HEAD FOR HEIGHTS: Previous hospital abseilers Stephanie Eaton and Terry Anderson

Superheroes wanted to join abseil and help raise cash for hospital

PEOPLE are being encouraged to take part in an abseil to raise money for Southend Hospital.

Entrants will get the chance to abseil down the hospital's 154ft tower block on Saturday, May 18 for the ward or department of their choice.

The event is themed around superheroes, but wearing a fancy-dress superhero outfit is optional.

Elise Fleetwood, events and corporate relations manager

for Southend Hospital Charity, said: "The real heroes are those taking part to raise money for the Southend Hospital ward or department of their choice.

"Last year we had almost 100 people take part and they raised an estimated £40,000 between them."

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YA nominated for four press awards

THE YELLOW Advertiser has been shortlisted in four categories at the national Society of Editors Regional Press Awards, including Free Weekly Newspaper of the Year.

Chief reporter Charles Thomson is shortlisted for Weekly Reporter of the Year, having already been declared Highly Commended Weekly Reporter of the Year at the ceremony for the last two years running.

He is nominated this year for his long-running investigation into the alleged cover-up of a historic paedophile ring in Shoebury, and for a lengthy, first-person feature in which he shadowed former world boxing champion Terry Marsh as he faced



Essex Police as an informant while the force was supposed to be investigating his crimes.

As the YA has been nominated for a campaign, it will automatically be entered into a fourth category – the News Media Associations Making A Difference People's Choice contest, which is the only prize decided by a public vote.

From May 13, members of the public will be able to choose their favourite campaign, as part of national Local Newspaper Week.

The winners of all four categories will be announced at a ceremony in central London next month, hosted by Nick Ferrari.



NOMINATED: Charles Thomson and below, two of his special YA reports trial for electoral fraud and assault.

The YA's campaigning investigation into the so-called Shoebury Sex Ring has also been shortlisted in the Weekly Newspaper Campaign of the Year category.

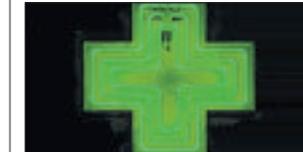
Since 2015, the investigation has forced police to review a 30-year-old case and has directly provoked two fresh police operations, resulting in the arrest of a notorious paedophile.

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Call to help tackle hygiene poverty

A LEIGH woman who set up a local branch of charity The Hygiene Bank is calling for donations.

Karen Barnes-Austin started the group covering Benfleet and Southend in October.

The branch is part of the national charity, formed last year, which aims to provide people living in poverty with essential hygiene products.

Karen said she was inspired to set the group up after watching a news piece about the forming of the charity. It works by collecting new and unused hygiene products from drop-off points where people can donate items.

Karen said: "We are hoping to be as successful as foodbanks. People were very generous in the run-up to Christmas but it has now gone very quiet."

Donations that are needed include essentials such as toothpaste, toothbrushes and shampoo. The local branch is run by Karen with one other volunteer, and she called for more volunteers to help.

"I cannot ask for too much at the minute as I have to collect it all so my spare room is full up with stuff," she said.

"So we are looking for volunteers and donations."



SUPPORT: Karen Barnes-Austin has set up a hygiene bank

The branch has a number of drop-off points across the area, including Williams and Donovan Estate Agents in Benfleet, The Hollies Surgery in Hadleigh, and the Co-op on

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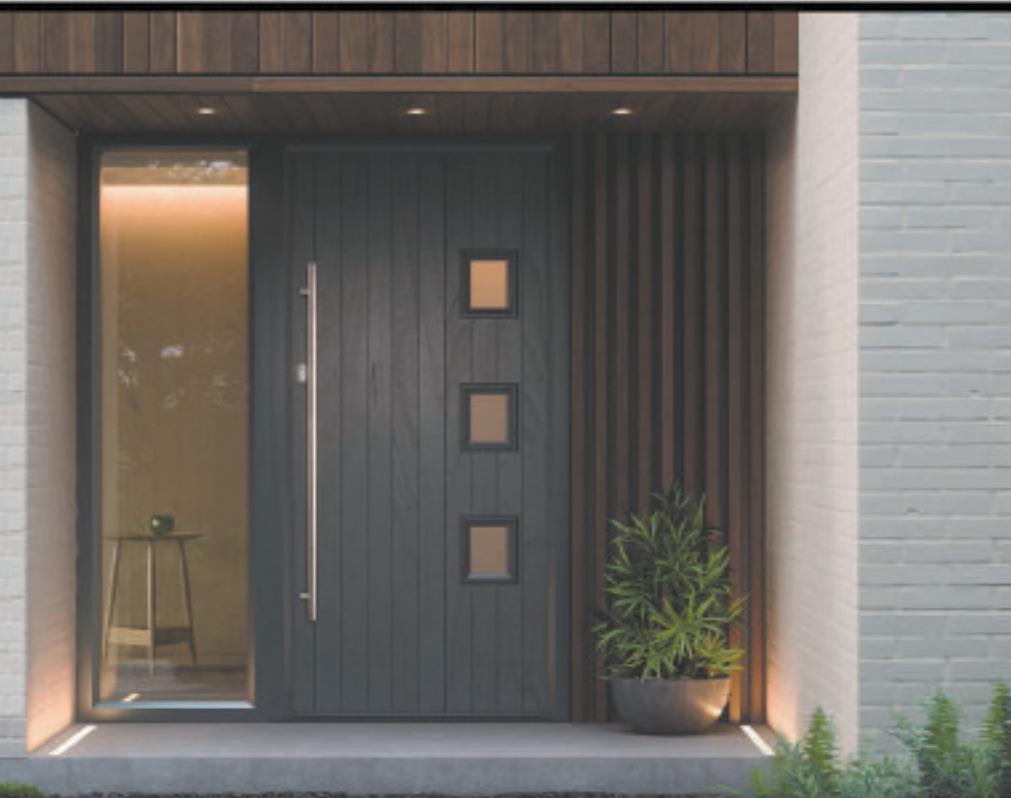


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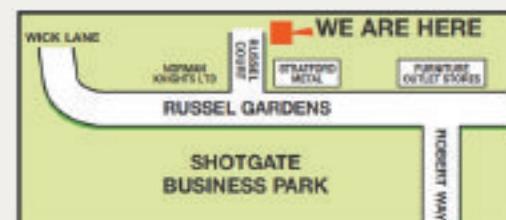
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Woman in court for man's murder

A WESTCLIFF woman has appeared in court charged with murder.

Kelly King, 30, of Howards Close, was charged with the murder of Courtney Valentine-Brown, pictured.

She appeared at Basildon Crown Court on Friday and was remanded in custody to next appear at the



same court on Wednesday.

Mr Valentine-Brown, 36, was found injured at a property on Roots Hall Drive on February 21.

He later died in hospital and a post-mortem examination found he suffered a stab wound to the leg.

Detectives are continuing to appeal for information about Mr Valentine-Brown's

death. Anyone who saw or heard anything, has dashcam or CCTV footage or any other information can call police on 101, quoting incident 1375 of February 21. People can also email sed.appeals.essex@essex.pnn.police.uk or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Three other men have also been charged with the murder of Mr Valentine-Brown.



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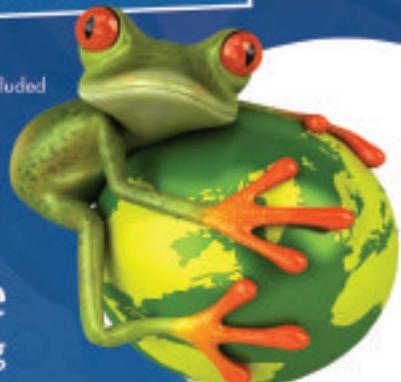


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For the record you're missing out

SATURDAY was annual Record Store Day - where this year more than 500 artists including KT Tunstall and Peter Gabriel made special recordings available to support the dwindling numbers of independent retailers of vinyl.

I can vividly remember the excitement of going into Wolverhampton town centre in the early 1970s with my mates just to browse the racks in a dingy old shop in Broad Street.

It was a magical place stuffed to the rafters with albums old and new - a veritable treasure trove for the music enthusiast as sales of single 45s were taken over by the long player.

We would spend a good couple of hours in that place, reading sleeve notes avidly or just holding a previously only read about release suddenly made real in our hands like that elusive football card of Uwe Seeler which would complete a 1970 World Cup sticker collection.

Occasionally one of us would even buy something.

Even though I already had a small but growing collection of albums, the one that sticks in my mind is walking out of that shop with a copy of Led Zeppelin's Houses Of The Holy on its day of release.

That bus journey home was neverending as the striking

cover of kids climbing the Giant's Causeway burned into my brain. As with its predecessor, there was no band name or title on that front cover. A thin white paper sash had been slipped over the artwork with the absent details - as if we didn't know.

The sleeve held the track listings and lyrics. All of this was digested before finally getting home and being able to put the pristine vinyl on my turntable and hearing it for the first time.

The whole exercise from leaving the house to the last ringing note of the final track was an event.

This feeling was repeated many times over the years.

Things are very different now. Access to the music we want is far more readily available, which should be a good thing except it has meant the value of that music has dropped to such an extent that artists can no longer live on royalties from record sales because streaming has encouraged a shorter attention span in listeners obsessed with the latest Bieber or Taylor Swift.

The bulk of their revenue now comes from performing and merchandise, which is a complete turnaround from how the business model used to work.

The effect of this is that record companies no longer

make long term investments in artists unless they are already established.

They demand an immediate return and then move on to the next TV talent show winner, but in doing so they have made themselves redundant when it comes to real artists because creating music and making it available has become so much easier.

Then there is the format of what we are being force fed.

Apart from Brexit, mp3 has to be the biggest con of the 21st century. It is compressed to keep the memory down so that it's easy to download, making it the modern day equivalent of a crappy 1960s transistor radio - except at least the Light Programme didn't charge by the song.

Streaming services at least use the better quality of a .wav format, but their royalty rates are a joke.

The price of that convenience has been the loss of having a physical object in your hands. The excitement, the iconic artwork of a Hipgnosis or a Roger Dean and the warmth of acoustically recorded sound, which is why the resurgence in vinyl sales over the past few years has been driven by the classic albums of those 70s legends such as Pink Floyd and Led Zeppelin.

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In 1965, he opened his first pastry shop in an area called Rione Monti, right underneath the Colosseum, in the very centre of the first district of Rome. You can see his first machine, which he bought in the same year, displayed in the restaurant.

It was also in 1965 when Pappa' Enrico, the head chef, was born from the love between Nonno Pino and Nonna Rosanna.

The pastry shop became one of the busiest in Rome! Even though Nonno was spending most of his time working in his shop, he also became famous in the music scene for his skills playing the guitar.

He played along with some of the greatest Italian artists of his time. It didn't take long before he had his first TV appearance, two film roles, and a recording of his first LP disc.

In 1974, Pappa' started working in the family business at the age of nine by doing some small jobs with his dad. When Nonno

saw Papa's talent, love, and passion for the job, he gave him the chance to take over the business at the age of 17 in 1982.

In the same year, Papa' met Mamma Sabrina. It didn't take long for him to fall in love with her. She was a beauty! After a long courtship, Mamma finally fell for him, too.

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Police increase patrols near pupil referral unit

by Steve Shaw

Local democracy reporter

CONCERNS were raised at a council meeting about antisocial behaviour outside a Southend school for children who have a record of behaviour difficulties.

The council's people scrutiny committee heard concerns over Victory Park, Wentworth Road, last Tuesday. It came after residents had written to ward councillor Trevor Harp.

Brin Martin, the council's director of learning, said: "There are two settings on the Wentworth site. One is the pupil referral unit known as Victory Park and one is the Sutton House special school, both on same campus but both deal with very different sorts of individuals."

"I have communicated with members of the multi-academy trust in relation to the community complaints and I have been given assurances and I accept those assurances that for those pupils that they have direct control i.e. on roll of Sutton house or Victory Park, they are able to control and manage their behaviour."

"I think some of the incidents which I've received, some of the incidents are adults or young people who have noth-



CONCERN: Victory Park Academy

ing to do with the school who happen to be clustering around there for a number of purposes, which not all of them are good."

"While the school must be and should be held to account for their pupils on roll, if it is adults and members of the community that is a matter for the police."

"If there are challenges and issues, I would urge the community to contact the police if there is antisocial behaviour going on, which I understand there is."

An Essex Police spokesman acknowledged concerns and said: "We continue to liaise with the school and the local authority and there have been

increased patrols in the last few weeks."

"If you want to report an incident or an issue please call us on 101."

A spokesman for Parallel Academy Trust, which runs the schools, said: "The academy is aware that some young adults, not associated with the provision, have been hanging around the gates and the local area."

"Victory Park Academy has taken a range of actions such as staff being present at the start and end of the day wearing high visibility jackets to ensure the pupils are safe and also will support pupils to get home safely if required."

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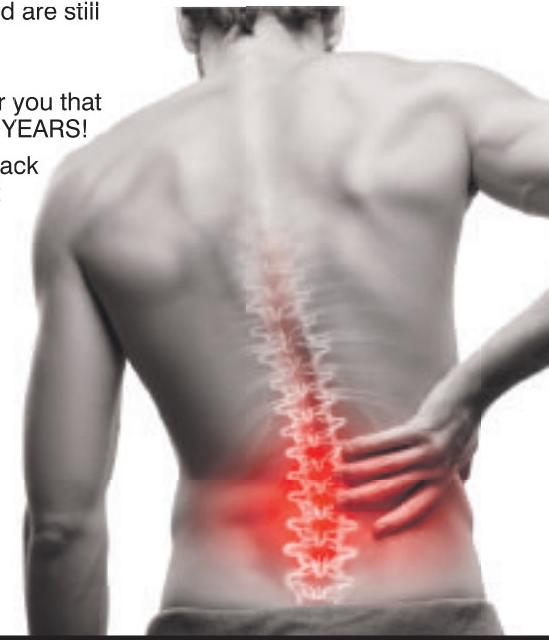
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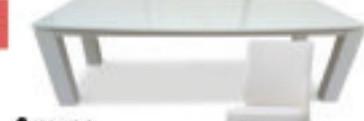
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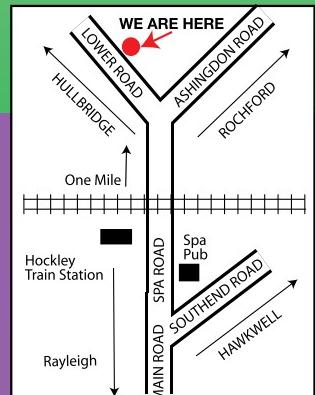
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Article 50 revocation petition is a con

IN last week's *YA* letters both Brian Wilson and Katy Treverton mentioned the petition to revoke Article 50.

I wonder if they are aware that this petition was put before Parliament on April 1 and was rejected.

It would appear that this petition was deeply flawed having been hacked and signed several thousand times by Mickey Mouse and Ronald McDonald as well as Hitler and Elvis Presley among others.

Many people gave up their postcodes so others could falsely use them to inflate the numbers of signatures on the petition. Maybe this is one of the reasons for the high number of signings in Southend West as Katy Treverton pointed out.

This is not the first time this has happened over Brexit. This type of vote rigging is typical of the remain camp's deviousness, as it will be in the case of the Losers' vote, sorry, the People's vote if Remainers get their way.

It will be a choice of Theresa May's deal (remain) or Remain. On the other hand it

could be leave with the deal (remain), leave with no deal or remain. In either scenario the vote will have been rigged so remain wins and the UK stays in the EU.

Don't you just love UK democracy.

I fully agree with Keith Little's description of the UK being made a laughing stock by our inept politicians. However, I must take issue over his description of Albert Pierrepont being a mass murderer.

He was an official government employee carrying out the very unpleasant job of public executioner.

He carried out the sentences handed down by the judiciary on behalf of the people of the UK, or in other words, he did their dirty work for them.

A couple of weeks ago Keith suggested the return of capital punishment. If this were to come about it would, in his own view, make himself an accomplice to murder.

He cannot support the death penalty in one breath and at a later date claim the person carrying out his wishes is a murderer.

That is hypocrisy in the extreme as his hand would be on the lever just as surely as the executioner's.

After a 25-year career carrying out a very unsavoury

public service Mr Pierrepont should be regarded as something of an expert in his field and his opinion given due respect.

K. Knight
Basildon

Stop this EU pantomime and get out now

THE Brexit pantomime has reached truly shrill levels, but it doesn't take a genius (just paying some attention) to realise that any deal with the EU is tantamount to continued slavery ... and has been planned even before the referendum.

All that Theresa May's (tap) dancing and proclamations of preferring a "no deal, rather than a bad deal" have just been lies to keep everybody calm while our exit from the EU extortion racket is pointlessly delayed ... and resulting in yet more billions of pounds fed to the EU.

Only a fool would think that making a deal with a bully has any value or any future. However, one thing we have learned from the circus May insists on calling "negotiations" – the sooner we can extricate ourselves from the vice grip of the thugs in

Brussels, the better.

Moreover, May's remainder tactics crossed the line into treason territory long ago.

Her fake resolution – keeping us stuck in the EU indefinitely – is ad nauseum presented as the "best/only one", which it clearly isn't, while its promoters talk

faster and faster (a sure sign that it's a confidence trick).

We, the people of this country, are really fed up with the MPs endlessly voting about things irrelevant, counter productive or outright contrary to achieving Brexit.

We obviously cannot trust

the EU, nor our own politicians, to do what is necessary.

Almost three years ago, we had a vote and want to get out of the EU – NOW! – and the only way this is possible is with the "no deal" option.

Fred Nicholson
Westcliff

Youth workers at A&E depts offer counselling



PROJECT: Southend Hospital

and September 2013, to 541 in 12 months to September 2018.

The number of homicides in Essex involving knives rose from two to nine in the same period.

Mr Myddelton added: "It takes a certain type of individual to deliver this type of project. You need to be quite tenacious."

"The young person will probably tell them to bugger off when they are first presented with the issue. They might tell them to bugger off again an hour later – but the third time we might have some success."

message is around articulating that this is not an ideal situation they're in and what can we do to help them get out of it.

The scheme has been running for less than two weeks.

Greg Myddelton, assistant director for the commissioning office of the PFCC for Essex, said: "The scheme comprises effectively of having a youth worker, in-person or on call, to be there when someone is brought in with what is normally a knife wound, or where the A&E staff believe it to be a drug-related attack.

"They refer to it as a teachable moment. The worker's

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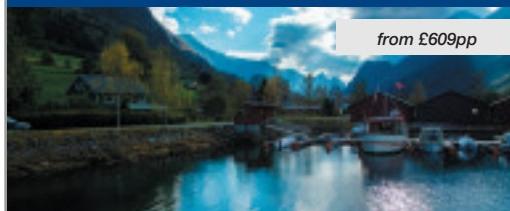
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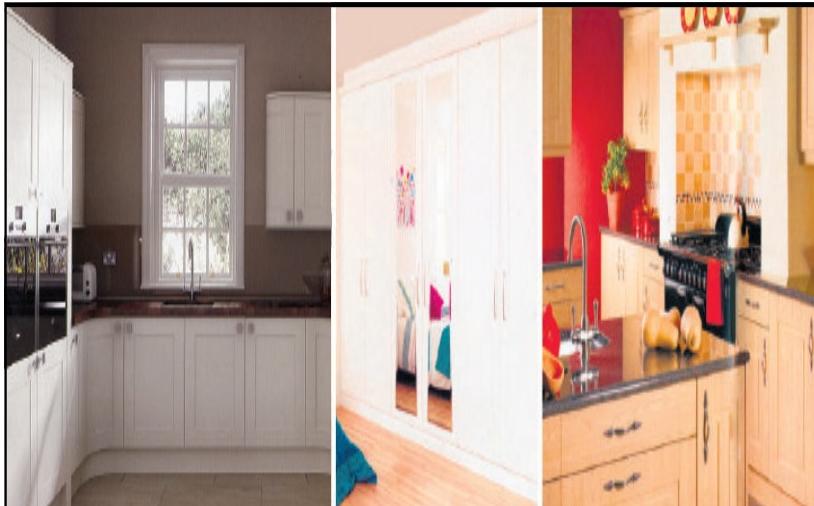
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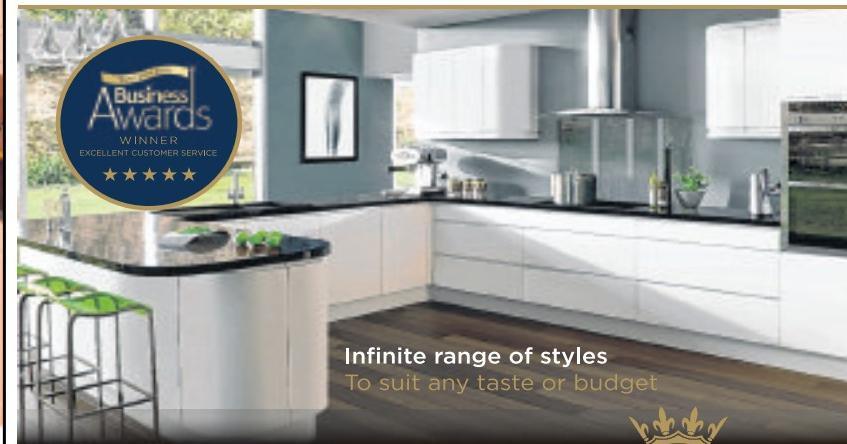
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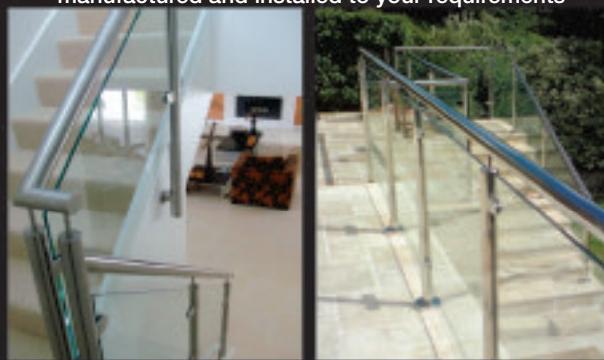
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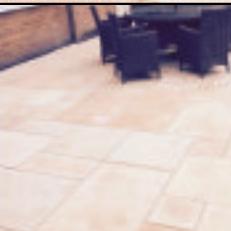
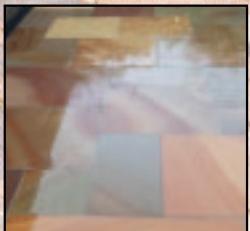
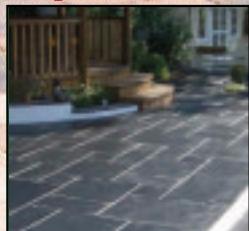


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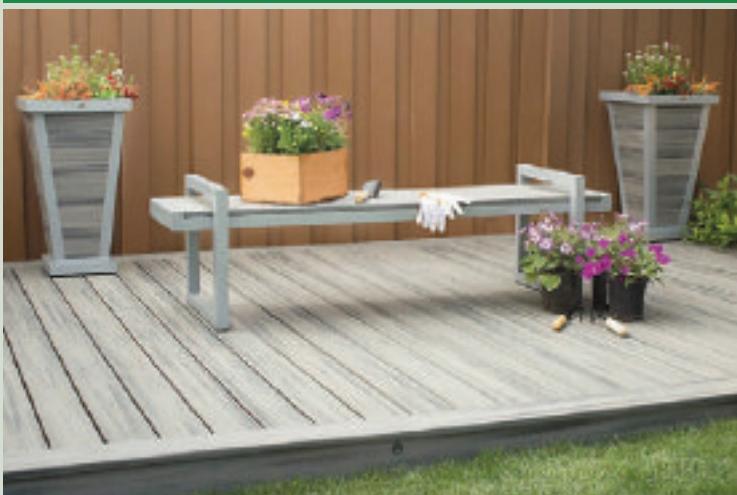
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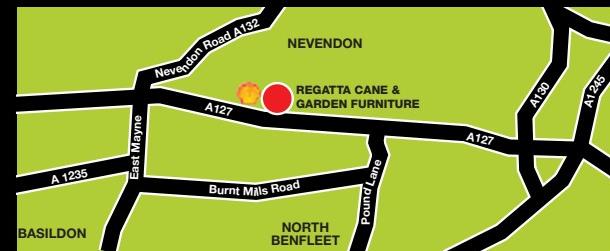
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1. Yeo Valley Organic Garden (yeovalley.co.uk), Holt Farm, Blagdon, Somerset – Feast your eyes on the red tulips at the Yeo Valley (yes, the yogurt one) organic garden at its family farm, where last year staff planted 35,000 bulbs. Attractions include camassias in the meadow, sculptures and modern planting, as well as an impressive vegetable garden and a glasshouse. Open for NGS on Sunday, April 28, 2-5pm.

2. Blackland House, Calne, Wiltshire – Walled gardens jam-packed with top notch plants and specialist displays of historic tulips has proved invaluable to the owner of the 18th century house and flower grower, Polly Nicholson. She's opening her four-and-a-half acre garden adjacent to the River Marden. Open for NGS on Wednesday, May 1, 2-5pm. Visit ngs.org.uk/find-a-garden/garden/36158

3. Great Dixter House, Gardens & Nursery (greatdixter.co.uk), Northiam, East Sussex – Spring bulb displays are spectacular in the family home of the late, great gardener and gardening writer Christopher Lloyd. The garden is awash with tulips in bloom in April and May. If you miss the NGS opening on Friday, April 19, 2-5pm, you can visit house and gardens during the year.

4. Abbotsford (scottssabbotford.com), Melrose, Roxburghshire, Scottish Borders – Famous for being the home of Sir Walter Scott, who designed the garden with advice from artists, architects and friends, each year visitors are invited



Tulips and daffodils at Ulting Wick
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7. The Old Vicarage, Whixley, Yorkshire – Overlooking a deer park, this walled flower garden features a wealth of tulips and hellebores, while further on in the season the structures and walls are covered with beautiful climbers. Opens for the NGS on May 6, 1.30-5pm, and May 8, 1-5pm and by arrangement. Visit ngs.org.uk/find-a-garden/garden/14907

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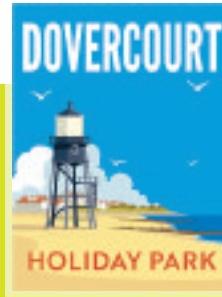


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CALENDAR Girls The Musical, Gary Barlow and Tim Firth's award-winning production, is coming to Southend Cliffs Pavilion from April 23-April 27.

The show is inspired by the true story of a group of ladies, who decide to appear nude for a Women's Institute calendar in order to raise funds to buy a settee for their local hospital in memory of one of their husbands.

To date the ladies have raised almost £5million for Bloodwise, a leading blood cancer charity.

This musical comedy shows life in their Yorkshire village, how it happened, the effect on husbands, sons and daughters,

by Lewis Berrill

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and how a group of ordinary ladies achieved something extraordinary.

Barlow and Firth grew up in the same Cheshire village and have been friends for 25 years. With Take That, Barlow has written and co-written 14 number one singles and sold over 50m records worldwide.

Firth has won the Olivier Award and UK Theatre Award for Best New Musical, and the British Comedy Awards Best Comedy Film for Calendar Girls.

Having already seen his mate's film and stage play versions of Calendar Girls, by the time Barlow came on board to compose the score for the musical he had already subconsciously started the soundtrack in his head.

"I heard it straight away," he admitted. "When we started working Tim would give me a couple of pages of lyrics and then I'd come back with mini albums of songs.

He would then, very cleverly, take a verse from one song and put it with

the chorus of another.

"I'd get them back as structures and then maybe write new pieces.

"He gave me the freedom to be me," explained Barlow.

Looking back at that day 20 years ago, when Firth penned the hit screenplay, he admits he never dreamt the story would have such staying power, let alone become a stage play and then a musical.

"I wrote the first scene on the morning of 9/11, so I can always

place the date I began," he explained. "I went down to London to write. I put the telly on at about quarter to one, and then of course I never turned it off again.

"But by then I had written the first scene of the film. Like all things that you don't plan it had its own plan.

"What was hidden in the story of this calendar was something far greater; its most core constituent is the combating of grief through comedy and that never goes away. That is why it has had the longevity that it has."

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DRAGGED ACROSS CONCRETE (18, 159 mins)

AESOP's fable of the tortoise and the hare teaches us that slow, steady, dogged determination always win out against stealthy and reckless bravado.

Writer-director S Craig Zahler has taken this life lesson to heart, setting painfully long fuses on his first two films, blood-soaked western Bone Tomahawk and testosterone-fuelled riot Brawl In Cell Block 99.

Both pictures clocked in - unnecessarily - at a buttock-numbing 129 minutes, punctuating self-consciously stylised dialogue and moments of quiet introspection with lurid splashes of sickening violence.

His third feature adopts similar shock tactics to recount a bank robbery from multiple perspectives and tests our patience and physical stamina by adding half an hour to the bloated running time.

I hope you're sitting very comfortably.

Dragged Across Concrete delivers plenty of scraped flesh and a lot of navel-gazing as corrupt cops and morally conflicted criminals trade bullets and wisecracks against a vivid backdrop of racial tension and economic hardship.

It's the kind of grimy, relentlessly downbeat portrait of mouldering society where a police lieutenant reprimands one of his men by growling: "A couple more years and you're gonna be a human steamroller covered in spikes and fuelled by bile", and an ex-con eruditely dismisses his errant father as "a yesterday who ain't worth words".

Detectives Brett Ridgeman (Mel Gibson) and Anthony Lurasetti (Vince Vaughn) bend the law they are supposed to uphold.

Their heavy-handed treatment of one suspect is captured on film and sparks a debate about police brutality on various news channels.

"Digital eyes are out there," despairs Lt Calvert (Don Johnson), who is forced to suspend Ridgeman and Lurasetti without pay.

Both men rely on their pay cheques.

Ridgeman's wife Melanie (Laurie Holden) is a former cop with multiple sclerosis ad soaring medical bills, while Lurasetti has recently invested in an engagement ring for his girlfriend (Tattiawna Jones).

To make ends meet, the cops intend to muscle in on a robbery orchestrated by Lorentz Vogelman (Thomas Kretschmann).

Lurasetti is unconvinced by a plan he describes as "bad - like lasagne in a can".

Meanwhile, ex-con Henry Johns (Tory Kittles) accepts an offer from best friend Biscuit (Michael Jai White) to work as Vogelman's getaway drivers.

It will be easy money that will help Henry to wrest his mother from the jaws of drug addiction and prostitution, as well as secure a brighter future for his teenage brother (Myles Truitt).

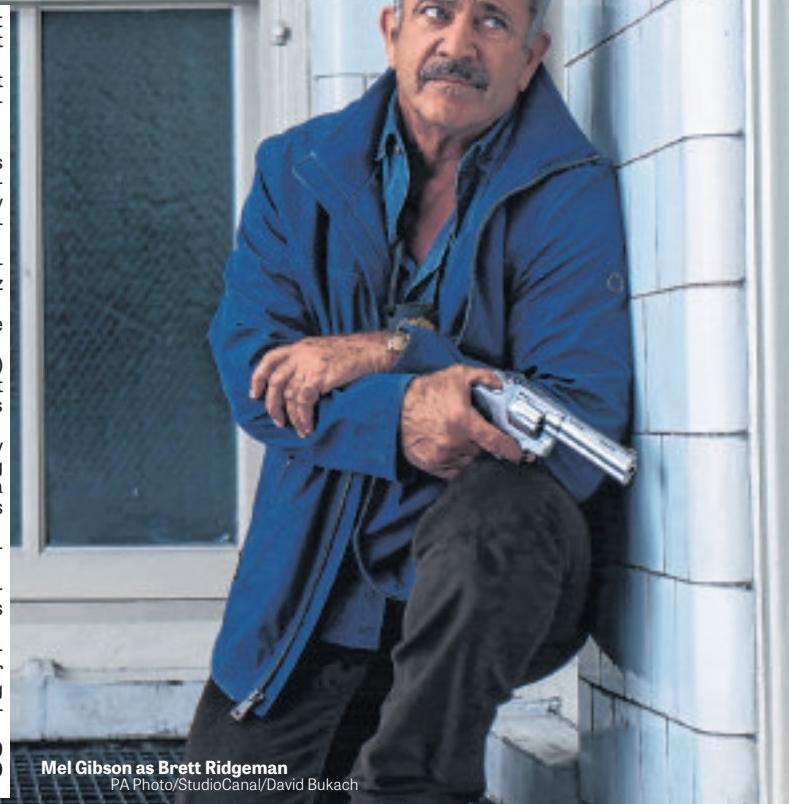
Dragged Across Concrete face-plants subtlety in every brutish, muscular scene.

One character is disembowelled in stomach-churning close-up while another loses their pinkies.

Gibson oozes despair from every pore, riffing convincingly with Vaughn while Jennifer Carpenter delivers an eye-catching supporting turn as a bank teller, who is reluctantly returning to work after maternity leave.

Released: April 19

RATING: 6/10



Mel Gibson as Brett Ridgeman
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Saturday, April 20

- Traidcraft Big Brew Morning - Thundersley Methodist Church, Kennington Avenue, Benfleet, SS7 4BS. 10 am - noon.
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Sunday, April 21

- Canvey Miniature Railway - open every Sunday until October 13. 10.30am - 3.45pm, choice of two railways, steam and electric locos, adults and children £1 each a ride, weather permitting. 07950 659596.
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- Brush Strokes Art Group - Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh-on-Sea, 9.15am - 12.15pm. 01277 627043.
- Exercise Class for stroke victims - St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, 2.30pm. 01702 612509.
- Sunday School - The Ark, Hadleigh Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, SS7 2PQ, 11am to noon, ages three to 10. Call 07585 601815 or 07967 913344.
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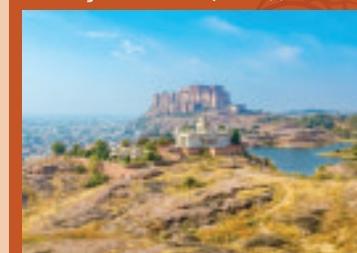
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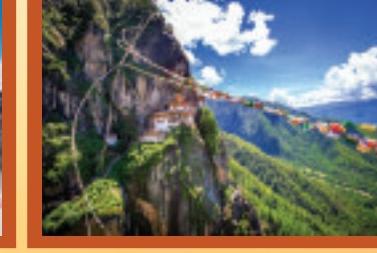
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CHELMSFORD: Baddow Road, three-bedroom detached house. Freehold, £300,000-plus with vacant possession

Homes under the hammer

A THREE-storey mixed-use property at the heart of historic Maldon is set to go under the auctioneer's gavel this month.

The High Street and Coach Lane corner building is among 138 lots in the auction being held by Britain's largest independent regional land and property auctioneer Clive Emson Land and Property Auctioneers.

The lot, consisting of a retail

unit and two self-contained flats, is being offered jointly with Fenn Wright at Clive Emson's Essex and North & East London regional sale in Chelmsford on Monday, April 29.

Freehold guide price is £300,000 with part vacant possession.

Auctioneer Paul Bridgeman, past president of the National Association of Valuers & Auctioneers (NAVA), said: "This is very

much a landmark period building in the centre of this market and coastal town.

"At present the double fronted retail unit, with basement, is vacant, as is the second floor one-bedroom flat. The first floor flat is let on an assured shorthold tenancy agreement at £6,840 per annum.

"We estimate that fully let the rental would be in the region of £26,000 per annum. The building may

lend itself to alternative uses, subject to all the necessary consents being obtainable."

The flats are accessed by a separate entrance on Coach Lane.

Also at the auction is a leasehold commercial building with potential in Station Road, Southminster, which has a leasehold guide price of £95,000-plus and vacant possession.

Offered jointly with SJ Warren, the office building is

spread over two floors and is within walking distance of shops and the railway station, which links to London Liverpool Street.

Senior auction Valuer Richard Jones said: "The accommodation, part ground floor and all of the first floor, may be suitable for refurbishment and conversion into a residential property, subject to all the necessary consents being available."

Detached city house

A detached three-bedroom house needing improvement near Chelmsford city centre in Baddow Road has a freehold guide price of £300,000-plus with vacant possession.

Mr Bridgeman, added: "The property is in need of modernisation and updating, but once the work is done it will make an excellent family home or be suitable for investment or re-sale."

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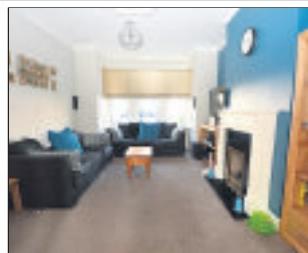
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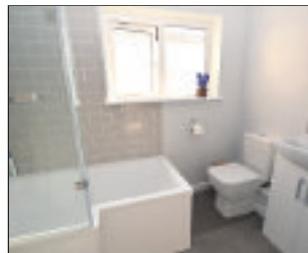
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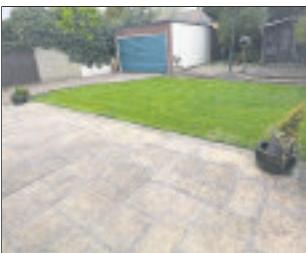


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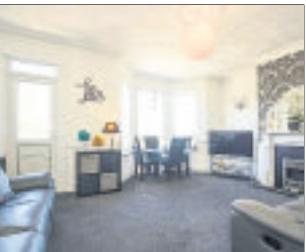


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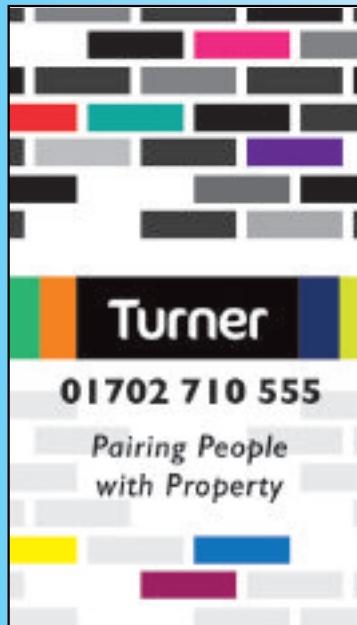
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By Ian Donaldson

TWO of the newest smaller SUVs to go on sale have come through tough European safety tests with top five star ratings.

The Citroen C5 Aircross is the latest addition to Citroen's Aircross family of crossover compact SUVs and replaces the C4 Aircross which stopped production in 2017.

The C5 Aircross offers most safety equipment as standard, including a forward-looking camera to enable driver assist functions, and has achieved four stars in Euro NCAP safety tests.

The rating increases to five stars with the optional Safety+ pack that adds a radar sensor to the camera to enhance the performance with (autonomous) emergency braking) AEB City, AEB Inter-Urban, AEB Pedestrian and adds cyclist detection.

The recommended Safety+ pack is available in all markets and on all variants.

The new, second-generation Range Rover Evoque was revealed last year amid high anticipation. Even though the popular luxury SUV looks similar

to the first-generation vehicle tested by Euro NCAP in 2011, it is fully new under the skin.

In safety terms, particularly the progress made in the area of vulnerable road user protection, with the adoption of an active bonnet and AEB for pedestrian and cyclist detection, are noteworthy and significant for this category of vehicle. Matched by an equally solid performance in other areas, the Evoque earns five stars in latest safety tests.

Both the C5 Aircross and Evoque were tested as diesel models, predicted to be the best sellers, despite the drop in popularity of this engine type in Europe.

The ratings however are also valid for other variants listed on Euro NCAP's website.

Michiel van Ratingen, Secretary General of Euro NCAP, says: "These results show that car manufacturers are still keen and able to achieve the highest safety ratings. It is especially encouraging to see the continued widespread deployment and improvement of advanced technologies such as AEB and lane support."



TESTED: Citroen C5 Aircross

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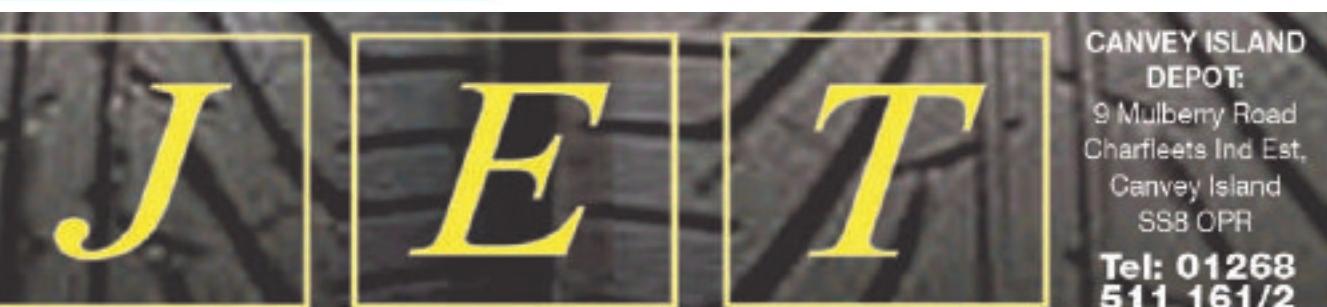
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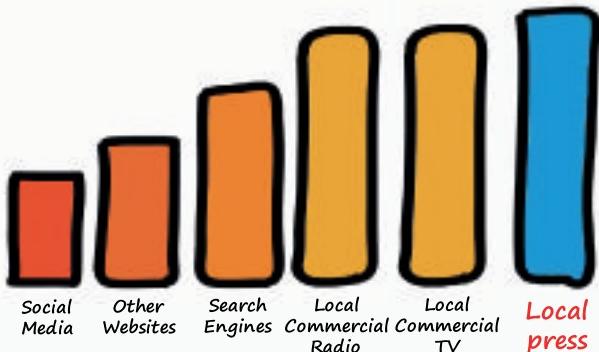
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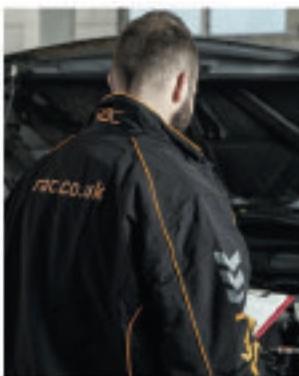
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1. SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL hereby gives Notice that to allow for the ST GEORGE'S DAY PARADE EVENT and because of the likelihood of the danger to the public, on 28th April 2019, it made an Order under Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation (Special Events) Act 1984 as amended by The Road Traffic Regulation (Special Events) Act 1994, and of all other enabling powers, the effect of which will be to restrict traffic on VARIOUS ROADS in SOUTHEND-ON-SEA as detailed in the schedules below:

2. Whilst the closure/prohibitions are in place, no person may cause any vehicle to ENTER, WAIT, LOAD OR UNLOAD on the section of roads detailed below on 28th April 2019.

SCHEDULE 1 TEMPORARY CLOSURE TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC

Road	Section Affected	Duration of Closure
Chancellor Road	Left Turn lane at the junction with Church Road	10:00 Hrs -13:00 Hrs
Church Road	Chancellor Road to High Street	10:00 Hrs -13:00 Hrs
Royal Terrace	Clifton Terrace to High Street	10:00 Hrs -13:00 Hrs
Pier Hill	In its Entirety	10:00 Hrs -13:00 Hrs

SCHEDULE 2 TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING & UNLOADING

Road	Side of Road	Duration of Prohibition
Church Road	St John's Church to High Street (south side)	07:00 to 13:00 Hrs.
Royal Terrace	Clifton Terrace to High Street	07:00 to 13:00 Hrs.

Although the road closures have been scheduled during the above times, the closures in Chancellor Road and Church Road are likely to be no longer than twice, each for approx. 15 minutes, but because the times of the parade cannot be strictly controlled, it will be within these time periods.

3. Nothing in the Order will apply to:
 - (a) Any vehicle being used for **Ambulance purposes, Coastguard/RNLI, Fire Brigade or Police** services;
 - (b) anything done by a **Statutory Undertaker** vehicle in connection with an emergency repair;
 - (c) anything done with the permission or at the direction of a **Civil Enforcement Officer, Event Organisers or a Police Constable** in uniform;
4. The restrictions/prohibitions specified in this notice will apply only during such times and to such extent as indicated by traffic signs.
5. Any vehicle waiting in contravention of any restriction imposed by the Notice may be issued with a penalty charge notice and removed

A Lewis
Deputy Chief Executive (Place)

Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue
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Dated 17th April 2019

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Dated: 16th April 2019

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Football

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Manchester Utd 2-1 West Ham Utd
PAUL Pogba scored twice from the penalty spot for Manchester United, although a spirited West Ham side had done enough to deserve a little more from this scruffy Premier League encounter.

Recent inconsistencies were clearly a concern for Hammers manager, Manuel Pellegrini. But the one-time Manchester City boss reaffirmed his side's ambitions as the campaign moved into its final hurdle. "We need the three points in this moment," the Chilean insisted.

Meanwhile, Hammers skipper, Mark Noble, was in a bullish mood ahead of the match, saying: "We were encouraged by our second-half performance at Stamford Bridge, it's our last away game outside London and if we can reproduce the sort of performance we produced at home in September when we beat them 3-1, then no one will be more delighted than me."

The honeymoon period is definitely over for United chief, Ole Gunnar Solskjaer. One win from five in all competitions has handed the Norwegian a conundrum as their top four hopes hang by a thread.

"We still have a lot to do in the Premier League and there are four teams fighting for two places," Solskjaer explained in his programme notes.

But his preparations were hindered by a clutch of casualties due to injury and suspension. Marko Arnautovic was a notable absentee for the Hammers.

Felipe Anderson's close-range effort was ruled out for off-side, while Jesse Lingard's low centre eluded a clutch of potential takers as the sides looked to brighten up an untidy opening to the contest.

Both teams gave away possession



GOAL: Felipe Anderson (right) scores for West Ham

Photo: Martin Rickett/PA Wire

at an alarming rate, although neither appeared to have the nous to punish the other's carelessness.

However, United were presented with an opportunity to open the scoring shortly before the 20-minute mark. Robert Snodgrass was clumsy, although harshly penalised, for a challenge on Juan Mata. Pogba emphatically rammed home the resulting spot-kick.

Anderson was again unfortunate when his glancing header from a Snodgrass corner whistled across the face of goal, while both Romelu Lukaku and Chris Smalling passed up opportunities for the hosts as the match continued to stutter unsatisfactorily – particularly for the home side during an insipid opening period.

West Ham's toil deserved a reward, and five minutes after the restart they restored parity. The busy Anderson was on hand to bundle past David de Gea, this after Manuel Lanzini had picked him out from the left.

Pablo Zabaleta forced de Gea into a smart save, while Lukasz Fabianski superbly thwarted United

substitute, Marcus Rashford, as the tempo grew in intensity.

Rashford nodded a glorious opportunity over from close range, while Marcos Rojo drilled into Fabianski's midriff as anxiety amongst the home crowd grew further. Frustration almost became disbelief as Hammers substitute, Michail Antonio, thundered against the face of the crossbar from 20 yards. Then, minutes later, de Gea produced arguably the save of the season to keep out Antonio's goalbound header after Grady Diangana had centred.

But having been let off the hook, United were handed another penalty, which proved to be decisive. Ryan Fredericks hauled down Anthony Martial. Pogba again reliable and ruthless from 12 yards.

After the match, Pellegrini said: "Unfortunately for us, there were some decisions by the referee – very difficult decisions – so I am not complaining about him. But with the VAR, I am sure this game would have seen a 1-0 for us."

"Felipe is onside and if you review that, it is a goal. After that,

it was not a penalty off Robert, but it was a difficult decision. Then we finish with the second goal for Man Utd, he was offside when the last pass was made."

The Hammers boss admitted that he spoke to the officials as the sides left the field at half-time. "With the technology, this game would have been another score."

West Ham return to Premier League action on Saturday, April 20 when Leicester City are the visitors to the London Stadium (3pm).

Manchester Utd: David De Gea, Phil Jones, Paul Pogba, Juan Mata (Marcus Rashford 54'), Romelu Lukaku (Mason Greenwood 75'), Anthony Martial, Chris Smalling, Jesse Lingard, Marcos Rojo (Andreas Pereira 75'), Fred, Diogo Dalot Subs not used: Victor Lindelof, Sergio Romero, Matteo Darmian, Scott McTominay

West Ham Utd: Lukasz Fabianski, Fabian Balbuena, Pablo Zabaleta (Ryan Fredericks 75'), Felipe Anderson, Manuel Lanzini (Grady Diangana 62'), Robert Snodgrass, Mark Noble (capt), Javier Hernandez (Michail Antonio 72'), Angelo Ogbonna, Arthur Masuero, Declan Rice Subs not used: Adrian, Pedro Obiang, Issa Diop, Nathan Holland

Referee: Graham Scott

Assistants: Mick McDonough, Neil Davies

Fourth Official: Michael Oliver

Attendance: 74,478

Honours even as skipper ten Doeschate hits 130

Cricket

Brian Jeeves reporting from the Kia Oval
Surrey 395 and 324/6 (103.0 overs)
Essex 448 and 0/0 (1.0 overs)
(Match drawn)

Surrey won the toss and elected to bat

IT was a case of honours even at the Kia Oval as Surrey and Essex shared the Specsavers County Championship Division One spoils, the latter delighted to have recovered from the heavy defeat suffered in their opening match at Hampshire last week.

Ryan Patel's maiden unbeaten Championship century was the highlight as Surrey posted a first innings total of 395. Will Jacks hit 88, while wicketkeeper/batsman, Ben Boakes, passed 50 – Peter Siddle the pick of the Essex attack, claiming 6/104.

Having cheaply lost Nick Browne and Sir Alastair Cook – Dan Lawrence led the fightback with a superb 93, while Ryan ten Doeschate compiled a captain's innings, reaching 130 off 166 deliveries to ensure Essex were not once again staring down the barrel, and carrying them towards a handy first innings lead.

Having faced a single over following the Surrey declaration, thus helping the hosts avoid a points deduction for a slow over-

rate. Essex now turn their attention to the Royal London One-Day Cup, facing Glamorgan at Sophia Gardens on Wednesday, April 17 and then Middlesex at the Cloudfm County Ground, Chelmsford on Friday, April 19 (both 11am).

Surrey: Rory Burns (capt), Mark Stoneman, Ryan Patel, Ollie Pope, Ben Foakes (WK), Will Jacks, Rikki Clarke, Tom Curran, Liam Plunkett, Freddie van den Berg, Morne Morkel

Essex: Nick Browne, Alastair Cook, Tom Westley, Dan Lawrence, Rishi Patel, Ryan ten Doeschate (capt), Robbie White (WK), Simon Harmer, Peter Siddle, Jamie Porter, Matthew Quinn

Umpires: Richard Kettleborough, Nick Cook
Points: Essex 13 Surrey 11

Non-league football

Orient back on top

TEN-MAN Leyton Orient finished the day back on top of the National League following a dramatic 2-1 victory over a dogged Sutton United side at Gander Green Lane.

The O's had slipped from the summit after chief rivals Salford City saw off Maidenhead Utd 3-0 in the afternoon's early fixture, and the east Londoners' troubles piled up further when Jonah Ayunga fired Sutton ahead shortly after the break.

Dan Happe headed the O's level, but once again problems mounted when James Dayton, who was being carried off on a stretcher with a serious ankle injury, was bizarrely shown a red card for allegedly throwing his boot at the referee in frustration.

However, in a dramatic late twist, the 1,330 travelling Orient supporters were in raptures as Macauley Bonne fired home from the penalty spot after he had initially seized on some careless goalkeeping from the hosts' substitute stopper, Ross Worner, and was fouled.

It was an excellent day for the region's other National League sides. Dagenham & Redbridge secured their survival with a single-goal success over Ebbsfleet Utd at Stonebridge Road – Tomi Adeoye with the all-important strike midway through the opening period. Meanwhile, relegated Braintree Town displayed tremendous spirit to see off promotion hopefuls AFC Fylde 2-1 at Cressing Road. Mo Sagaf and Courtney Richards scored for the Iron – Jordan Tunnicliffe pulling one back late on for the Coasters.

In the National South, Chelmsford City saw off promotion rivals Woking 2-0 at the Melbourne Stadium. Rhys Murphy and Adrian Cascaval found the net for the Clarets.

Billericay Town remain in contention for a play-off place following a 4-1 success at Gloucester City. Moses Emmanuel bagged a hat-trick for the Blues, while Charlie Wassmer was also on target.

Concord Rangers went down 1-0 against Oxford City at the Aspect Arena. Meanwhile, BBC Essex Senior Cup winners East Thurrock Utd were brought back down to earth as Weston-Super-Mare won 3-2 at Rookery Hill – Sam Higgins and Ryan Scott with the relegation-haunted Rocks goals. AFC Hornchurch went down 2-1 to Whitehawk at Bridge Avenue – Joe Christou with the Urchins' goal.

Bostik North champions Bowers & Pitsea continue to dominate – Bradley Warner, Matthew Lock, James Thomas and Ben Sartain scoring in a 4-0 win at Felixstowe & Walton Utd.

Coggeshall Town thrashed Tilbury 5-1 at Chadfields. George Allen, Michael Gyasi, Ross Wall and a Nnamdi Nwachukwu brace confirmed the rout; Ryan Ramsey responded for the Dockers. Aveley also won impressively on the road as a Jason Raad double earned a 2-1 success at Heybridge Swifts. Emmanuel Osei-Owusu had given Swifts the lead five minutes before the break.

Joseph Chidyausiku, Nathaniel Joseph and Pedro Silva Barboosa Bento De Carvalho earned battling Romford a 3-1 win at AFC Sudbury.

Meanwhile, Jacob Hutchinson (2) and Mitchel Hahn helped Grays Athletic beat Brentwood Town by the same scoreline; Mitchel Hunter with the Brentwood reply.

Basildon Utd won 2-1 at Soham Town Rangers – Callum Taylor and Kurt Smith scoring for the Bees, and there was an entertaining game at Park Lane, where Canvey Island and Maldon & Tiptree shared four goals. Frankie Merrifield with a brace for the Gulls – Liam Hope and Kojo Awotwi with the Jammers' response.

Ola Ogunwamide scored Barking's goal in a 1-1 draw against Mildenhall Town, but it was a tough afternoon for Great Wakering Rovers who went down 2-1 to Bury Town at Burroughs Park – Hussain Jaffa with the Rovers goal.

Hullbridge Sports go into their final Essex Senior League fixture of the season in the knowledge that a victory will secure the title. This came about after the Lower Road club eased to a 3-0 victory over Ilford at the Cricklefield Stadium.

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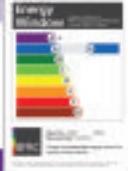
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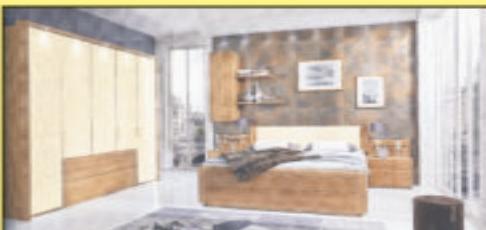
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Grabbers (all sizes); bath steps
Overbed tables; Overchair tables
Hot wheat packs;

INCONTINENCE PRODUCTS

Elephant's feet chair raisers...
TALKING ALARM CLOCKS; pedal exercisers **HUG-ME-BETTER BEARS!!**

Gel therapy balls; **scooter cosies**
PAIN-GONE PENS; swivel cushions;
Reading rests; Washable slippers,
and lots more.....YOU WILL BE AMAZED!!



WHEELCHAIRS & WALKERS

WIDE RANGE IN STOCK

Lightweight Aluminium

Wide choice of colours and styles

Lightweight travel chairs

NHS VOUCHERS ACCEPTED



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